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1. THE US POSITION REMAINS AS STATED IN REF C THAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE NLMS SHOULD ENJOY SPECIAL STATUS WITH RESPECT TO PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES. THEREFORE YOU SHOULD OPPOSE AND VOTE AGAINST ANY ATTEMPT, SUCH AS THAT IN REF B, TO APPLY CONVENTION REGIME TO NLM OBSERVERS. USDEL SHOULD MAKE CLEAR IN PLENARY, IF RESOLUTION ON NLMS IS PRESSED THERE, THAT US WOULD BE UNABLE ACCEPT OR IMPLEMENT SUCH REGIME. IN DISCUSSION WITH KEY DELS, USDEL MAY ADD THAT US CONGRESS HIGHLY UNLIKELY TO ADOPT LEGISLATION EXTENDING PRIVILEGES AND IMMUNITIES TO NLMS AND EXECUTIVE BRANCH WOULD BE UNLIKELY TO SO PROPOSE.

2. A RESOLUTION BY THE CONFERENCE REFERRING THE NLM ISSUE TO THE 30TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY MAY BE LESS PREJUDICIAL

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THAN AN ARTICLE IN THE DRAFT CONVENTION. HOWEVER, GIVEN

THE LIKELIHOOD THAT THE GA WOULD ENDORSE SUCH A RESOLUTION, AND IN VIEW OF OTHER UNDESIRABLE CONSEQUENCES REFERRED TO IN REF C, WE CONTINUE TO HOLD VIEW THAT ADOPTION OF SUCH A RESOLUTION BY THE CONFERENCE SHOULD BE AVOIDED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

3. WE WOULD APPRECIATE DELEGATION'S ESTIMATE OF CHANCE FOR AVOIDING ADOPTION OF RESOLUTION. IN PARTICULAR, IF THERE IS SUFFICIENT SENTIMENT AMONG OTHER DELEGATIONS FOR RAISING THE QUESTION OF THE GERMANENESS OF THE PROPOSED RESOLUTION TO THE MANDATE OF THE CONFERENCE, OR OF GETTING A HELPFUL RULING FROM THE CHAIRMAN OR A LEGAL OPINION FROM SUY, DEPARTMENT BELIEVES DELEGATION SHOULD EXPLORE AND DEVELOP THESE POSSIBILITIES. INGERSOLL

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